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Mulock Court Cul-de-sac Parking Update Information Report

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Town Council on the results of the survey conducted regarding potential parking restriction changes in the cul-de-sac on Mulock Court.

Background

At the regular meeting on March 25th, 2024, Town Council addressed a parking bylaw change for Mulock Court and Ainsworth Drive (agenda item #9.1.10). The amendments created No Parking zones on Mulock Court eastward from Ainsworth Drive to the cul-de-sac on both sides, from Monday to Saturday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and a No Stopping zone from Ainsworth Drive to Bayview Avenue on both sides.

As part of an incremental approach to parking restrictions in the community, the cul-de-sac at the end of Mulock Court was initially left unchanged. Once the parking restrictions were in place and enforcement was undertaken for a few months, the Town decided to revisit the cul-de-sac parking restrictions through a two-question survey which was mailed out to the community on June 11th, 2024.

Discussion

As part of this parking survey, letters dated June 11, 2024 were individually mailed to 42 households soliciting their input. It presented two options:

1. Leave the parking situation "as is" (status quo), with no changes.

2. Extend the current parking restrictions on Mulock Court to include the entire cul-de-sac area.

The survey results are as follows:

Description	Total Responses (Min. 50% Required)	Supports “No Change”	Supports “Parking Restrictions in the Cul-de-sac”
Count	16	9	7
Percentage 42 Households	38%	56%	44%

Unfortunately, the response rate was lower than expected given the initial petition; however, the results indicate that the majority of the respondents were in favor of maintaining the current parking restrictions.

In addition to the two options, the survey included a comment section. Below is a compiled list of issues/statements from the community consultation along with the corresponding responses.

1. If additional parking restrictions are implemented in the cul-de-sac, more parking may occur on Ainsworth Drive and Legresley Lane. This could result from the increased restrictions. The goal is to balance the restrictions with the available on-street parking for the community.
2. Illegal parking on Mulock Court is still occurring. Illegal parking is still occurring, but at a significantly reduced rate. This has been communicated to Legislative Services for further enforcement.
3. Visitor permits should be available. Permit parking will be addressed in the Residential Parking Review currently underway.
4. The North side of Mulock Court should be designated as No Parking anytime. This proposed change would alter the balance of on-street parking and is not being considered at this time.
5. Speeding on Mulock Court. Transportation Services will investigate this issue in Fall 2024.
6. Children safety in cul-de-sac. There are several safe sidewalks and pathways leading to Arnhem Park. Children should not be playing in the cul-de-sac.
7. All works well.
8. Stop making decisions based on the concerns of one or a few individuals. This is the purpose of the community consultation and survey.
9. More cars will be parking in the northern part of Ainsworth Drive. This is likely to occur as new parking restrictions are introduced. Additional restrictions may be warranted in this area if the on-street parking becomes problematic.
10. The Medical building should be held more accountable. The medical building has been contacted regarding this issue.

Conclusion

Based on the survey results, no additional parking restrictions are proposed for the Mulock Court cul-de-sac at this time. Additionally, staff will review the speeding issue on Mulock Court and monitor parking on Ainsworth Drive and Legresley Lane.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from, and within Newmarket.

Consultation

Consultation was carried out with 42 households that could be affected by the proposed changes including those on Mulock Court and Ainsworth Drive from Mulock Court to Legresley Lane. Residents were invited to share their feedback by letters mailed to them on June 11th, 2024. This report is based on the results of that community consultation.

Human Resource Considerations

None

Budget Impact

None

Attachments

None

Approval

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